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MISSOULA--

The starting center on the University of Montana basketball team last season spent part of his summer helping young players learn the fundamentals of basketball.

Ray Howard, a 6-8 center on the Grizzly cage squad, was a coach at the Ray Dodd basketball school in Great Falls. The six weeks clinic was for young players entering the seventh and eighth grades in Electric City schools. Dodd's clinic started in June and concluded in July.

Howard, a UM junior, helped his students with the basic techniques of dribbling, shooting and body position and movement. He said he enjoyed working with the junior high aged group because they were enthusiastic and eager to learn. Howard also said, the students kept him in shape running up and down the court.

The UM cager played for Coach Dodd at Great Falls Public High School as a sophomore and junior in 1966 and 1967. As a junior, Howard earned All-State honors under Dodd before the Bison coach moved to the College of Great Falls as head basketball mentor.

Howard, as a senior for GFHS, was again selected to the All-State basketball team and earned All-American honors. He was the Most Valuable Player at Great Falls High in 1968. In the Big 32 tourney that year he set a new state scoring record tallying 48 points in a single game.

As a Grizzly, Howard started every varsity game last season as a sophomore and was the most consistent player on the Montana team. He was the second leading rebounder for the Tips and averaged better than 10 points per game.

UM basketball coach Lou Rocheleau feels that Howard will be one of the keys to Montana's success next season. "If Ray develops as much this year as he did as a sophomore, we'll be strong up front," Rocheleau said.



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He is a fine man with a great deal of desire. Howard loves basketball and is willing to work to improve himself, the new Grizzly coach concluded.

Howard is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lester Howard, Great Falls.

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